

THE BARTON COUNTY DEMOCRAT

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GREAT BEND, KANSAS.

City and County.

The man who moves a down life's path,
And finds it strewn with sweet surprises,
Is he who knows just how it's done,
And keeps a store, and adventures.

The law firm of Richcreek & Jennison has dissolved.

Miss Dilla Pratt went to La Crosse Friday to visit friends.

Bro. Obleness, of the Ellinwood Express, was in the city to-day.

John Stevenson, of Clarence township, was in the city Friday.

A baby girl arrived at the residence of B. I. Dawson last week.

A new girl baby arrived at the house of Carl Bonham, east side.

Dave Bishop, of Chantilla, Kas., was in the city Friday visiting friends.

Mr. A. W. West, from near Maherville, was in the city Friday shopping.

J. R. Snyder will soon open a cobbler's shop in the basement of the St. Louis store.

The Mo. Pacific railroad now has telegraphic communications between this city and Pueblo.

Mrs. Chas. Mehrhoff, a daughter of Commissioner Schwier, has been quite sick for several days.

James Adams, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, is now in possession of the Ohio house, in this city.

J. C. Cook, from Owensborough, Ky., a brother of W. R., arrived last Thursday to make this his home.

A young man has been tried in the Fort Scott police court for "mashing" and being found guilty, was fined \$18.

Ira D. Hamilton, formerly of this place, was in the city last week. He is in the milling business at Pawnee Rock.

The grand lodge of the Ancient Order of United Workmen will hold their next annual session at McPherson.

Wm. Friend has moved his stock of goods from Forest avenue to more commodious rooms in the Fair block, on Broadway.

Our health officers ought to get on their working harness now, and begin preparing to keep our city in a sanitary condition.

The jury in the case of Baum Bros. vs. Robert Bayer et al, after a protracted struggle returned a verdict of \$834.00 for the plaintiff.

Tassals and silk has the corn stalk tall, while the wheat a beard can claim; the broomstick wears no clothes at all, but it's business just the same.

The Ladies' Aid Society, of the Presbyterian church, solicit plain sewing. All orders can be sent to Mrs. J. McDowell or Mrs. Joab Harper.

The Ladies Aid Society will give a social tea and sunbonnet bazar in the Presbyterian church, on Friday evening, March 9th, 1888; beginning at 6 o'clock.

Ira Gordenier, the old gentleman who sold gasoline on our streets, mashed his foot by a barrel falling upon it several days ago, is in a bad condition.

J. W. McMican, a former resident of this city, who some time ago moved to Horace, Greeley county, has returned with his family to live in Great Bend again.

Mrs. Charlotte Simonton, of New Richmond, Wis., has reached the full term of 100 years. Her only care is that her young son—he was 81 last birthday—may learn to smoke like other bad boys.

Rev. Wm. Echelmeier writes that on account of sickness he will not be able to return to Great Bend in time to hold services at the Prairie school house, and wishes us to announce it to his German friends.

Willie Blackwell, a colored man over 106 years of age, walked ten miles, on his way to this city, the other day. He lives in north part of the county, and has chewed tobacco for ninety-six years.

Kansas has been visited by more rains during the month of February, 1888, than any former February in the history of the "oldest inhabitant," which encourages the average farmer and causes them to believe we are going to have a good crop year.

Oodles of lumber is being hauled out into the country now-a-days.

Miss Mamie Colton is teaching school in the north part of the county. J. F. Prinstor, of La Junta, Col., is in the city buying live stock of our shippers.

Commissioner Schwier was on the streets Monday forenoon smiling over crop prospects.

Mrs. Bailey, of Newton, is in the city visiting her daughter, Mrs. Winterberg.

When we strike coal within three miles of Great Bend we will all be "flying high," won't we?

Next Sunday Rev. Mr. Eneyart will preach his farewell sermon in the M. E. church of this city.

C. D. Montgomery, of Logan township, was in the city Monday, on business with superintendent Wolfe.

The snow of Saturday and Sunday will be of inestimable value to the agriculturists of Barton county.

Leonard Robbins returned last week from an extended visit in Iowa. He says they had a severe winter up there.

The ladies of the Presbyterian church will hold a sun bonnet and social tea, Friday evening, in the church.

The Supreme Court, met at Topeka Tuesday. Some of Great Bend's legal lights will be in attendance during the term.

Salina, Lindsborg, Canton, Win-dom, Mound Ridge, Lyons and New-ton have all quarantined against McPherson.—McPherson Freeman.

M. N. Beaty, superintendent of the western division of the Mo. Pacific railroad, was in this city the last two days of last week, on railroad business.

F. T. Ozenberger, of Independent township, was in the city to-day on business. He says the sleet has done some damage to small cottonwood trees.

Rev. G. F. Schultze, of Bushton, will probably preach at the German M. E. church Sunday night, as A. J. Ross will be at Elsworth on a visit to his brother.

Jim Lewis, who left here last fall, has been in the Indian territory, all winter. He returned last Saturday and reports warm weather and people planting corn there.

DIED:—At his residence in Homestead township, on Saturday, March 3d, 1888, of spinal fever, James Hughes, aged eighteen years. The funeral occurred Monday.

Preaching at the court house on March 11th, 1888, by Rev. C. H. Brown, of Sterling, at 11 o'clock, a. m. All members of the Christian church are expected to be present.

This morning a column of smoke rolled out of the doorway of Langham's shoe store. A few people thought the building was on fire, but the stove pipe had choked up, causing the smudge.

Ice cream and coffee served at the M. E. church Wednesday night. If the weather should be cool, go and take some coffee; if warm, call for ice cream. Pay your money and take your choice.

Mr. Joseph Serphan, of Great Bend, will open up a merchant tailoring establishment in a few days, in the room lately occupied by the Gazette, in the Bunn & Bellport building.—Rush Center Gazette.

A number of the students of the Central Normal College called upon Miss Edna Ford last Saturday evening, and completely surprised that young lady. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed.

Ed. Harry Culbertson came in from Ohio, the latter part of last week, and are stopping with Rev. J. W. Thompson. They propose to try their hand at farming in this county and will settle near this city.

Rev. Thompson announces as the result of the meeting of the trustees of the new Presbyterian college at Dodge City last week the adoption of active measures to put the college into full operation by the beginning of the coming college year. A big day is being arranged for at the laying of the corner stone of the college hall, on April 5th, when Presbytery will be in session there. Cheap railroad rates will be secured, and a whole day's entertainment provided. It will be a general gala day at Dodge.

Subscribers to the DEMOCRAT who know themselves in arrears will do us a great favor by calling and settling up all back subscriptions. The amount each individual owes is not large, but taking them all together it makes a large aggregate, and the lack of this money which is justly due us is a great inconvenience.

"Father," said Robert, "I have long cherished a desire to go the stage, and I have at last decided, with your permission, to—" "My son," interrupted the fond father, "all the world's a stage. Take that hoe hanging on the wood-shed, and go out and dig those potatoes back of the orchard." The engagement lasted a week.

Court adjourned Thursday night about twelve o'clock, and our legal gentlemen can now take a much needed rest. In connection with this adjournment, we desire to state that the firm of Diffenbacher & Banta have just cause for rejoicing, as they were successful in all cases with which they were connected.

The district court was occupied until a late hour Thursday night with divorce cases. Chas. L. Worman was granted a divorce from his wife, Mary C. Worman. L. S. Flint got a divorce from his wife, and John Kerr, living 4 miles south of town, was granted a divorce from his wife and the custody of their child. The case of McGinnis vs. McGinnis was dismissed.

We learn of an individual who boarded a train at Larned, and when the collector came around for the fares he claimed to be a cripple and only able to pay half fare. He was told that racket was n. g., and was put off at the next station. In the morning, after having put up at a hotel, he offered in payment for his lodging a \$50 bill. He then walked out of town and made tracks for the next station.

Some time ago a man named J. N. DeGroat stopped at the Pennsylvania house for some days. One day he went out and has never been seen since. He left a satchel and an overcoat. In the satchel were cards showing that he had been a stone and brick plasterer of Scott City, Kansas, and other things of some importance. The fact that the man had paid his bills and never sending for his things, together with the mysterious way in which he left town, puzzles the proprietor of that hotel.

The Great Bend salt, fuel and gas company held a meeting Friday and located the place for the well to be drilled, on the land of G. H. Hulme, section 13, this township. Messrs. Wiser, Terry and Smith are here, and will go out with a committee this afternoon to decide upon the spot where the drill will go down. The machinery, which was shipped from Hutchinson last night, is the largest of the kind in the state. The lumber for the derrick has been bought, which will be built as soon as possible. It is thought the drill will be working within ten days.

Sherman Flint was hunting for geese Friday afternoon, in Squire Mackenroth's neighborhood, south of the river. He carried a combination shot gun and rifle. He had crawled up within good range of a flock of geese and fired, when the shot barrel exploded and flew into a dozen pieces and directions. He was powder burned and bruised about the hands and one of his gloves caught fire. Other than that he was uninjured, which was a narrow escape. The heat of the explosion set off the rifle barrel, and on looking over the ground afterwards, Flint found that he had killed a goose.

Card of Thanks.

I wish to thank the many friends of my late wife and myself, for the free courtesies and kindness extended to myself and family upon the occasion of my late bereavement.

CHAS. ROZELL.

A Consoling Thought.

While our less fortunate neighbors in eastern Kansas are wading through mud and slush, and are hauling their wagons knee-deep through the mire, we of the western part of the state rejoice in clean crossings and solid roads. The gummy, sticky, soil of the east doesn't exist here, and although we are frequently visited with heavy rains, mud is a thing unknown two hours after the rain ceases. Southwestern Kansas is certainly a favored country in every respect.—Seward County Courier.

It will be a Battler.

The year 1888 will be a memorable one in our national history. From afar the din and noise of political warfare can be heard. Already the chiefs are marshalling their forces in silence and girding on their armor. Magnificent will be the spectacle of this conflict. In adroit generalship it will eclipse anything in the past, and in strategic movement it will challenge the admiration of all. With every town and village and hamlet ablaze with the fire of enthusiasm, with every eloquent tongue pouring forth a stream of thoughts that breathe and words that burn, the year of 1888 will indeed be a memorable one in political history.—Ex.

Laid to Rest.

At two o'clock Thursday the remains of Mrs. Ray Rozell were carried to their last resting place from the residence of her brother, Mr. G. H. Hulme. Notwithstanding the disagreeable weather a good number of the old friends of Mrs. Rozell accompanied the remains to the cemetery, and there bid farewell for all time to one whom all loved who knew her. The deceased was ill but a few days, and her relatives here were not aware that her illness was dangerous. Mr. Hulme had just started for Hutchinson, the home of Mrs. Rozell, when he received a telegram stating that she was dead. Three of her children are buried here, and it was her wish that she be laid beside them. Inflammation of the kidneys was the cause of her death.

ELLINWOOD EARMARKS.

From the Express.
J. J. Farrell returned last week from his trip east.

Mr. John Roetzl is visiting his brother Henry in this city.

The infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Carr was buried yesterday, (Feb. 29th).

Mr. Schrapel is erecting a new dwelling on his property on main street.

Messrs. Christ and Joe. Sauer left Tuesday morning last for a two week's visit to Kansas City.

We are pleased to learn that Mr. F. A. Steckel who had the misfortune to break his ankle a few weeks since, is able to be around again.

There will be a grand ball at the State Center hall on the evening of March 9, admission fifty cents. Everybody cordially invited.

The third annual of Couer De Leon Lodge, number 130, of Knights of Pythias, will be given on Monday evening, April 2nd, 1888, in Mrs. F. H. Parker's hall. Arrangements will be made at the Star Restaurant for those who desire supper. All are cordially invited.

The Sons of Veterans now have enough members to organize a camp at this place and a meeting for that purpose will be held in Rohlfing's hall on Saturday Mar. the 10th. All those who wish to become members should come on that date prepared to give the rank and company to which their fathers belonged in the army; also money to pay their initiation fee.

PAWNEE ROCKETS.

From the LEADER.
J. W. Ockerman returned from Hodgeman county Saturday.

Dr. S. J. Shaw, of Great Bend, was in town, Monday, in consultation with Dr. Daniels, on the case of Reuben Denton, who is very low with consumption.

A merry throng of Masters and Misses gathered at the pleasant home of Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Smith, Wednesday night. Music, dancing and games passed the time pleasantly until the "wee sma' hours."

Little Willie Miller, son of Josh Miller, was severely scalded, yesterday. He was playing beside the kitchen stove when in some manner it was overturned, throwing the boiling contents of a tea-kettle over his right arm, side and leg. While very painful, the scalding is not dangerous, and with careful attention he will soon recover. It is believed that the little fellow removed a block which supported one leg of the stove, thus causing it to overturn.

The latest sensation south of the river, in Stafford county, is the "carr-rying-on" of William Adams, a heretofore much respected farmer, a Sunday school superintendent and a "deacon in the meetin'-house." Not long ago this sanctilouquent individual was suspected, by a neighbor, of stealing twenty-five bushels of corn, and carefully watching, confirmed the suspicion. Adams was arrested and taken to St. John and locked up. About a year ago a very poor family in the Adams neighborhood lost a cow, presumably e-trayed, but the rascality of Adams caused an investigation in this case, and it has been proven that he stole the cow and sold it in Great Bend.

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